



HFPO-Alaska

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Building the Future of Army Healthcare

April – May 2003

Steel is 'Springing' Up On Construction Site



8 April – Snow is still on the ground but the site is getting busier.

In less than three weeks of work, the contractor has set approximately 65% of the structural steel for the central green area. Steel started to arrive on the project site in mid-March, with a majority now staged around the site. The contractor is planning on setting all the steel this summer, so you will see the final shape of the facility soon.



1 May – What a difference a few weeks can make – The Green is taking shape.

Water line installation and mud slab foundation work are ongoing, while concrete placement continues at the 2nd floor admin and roof areas. CMU walls are being installed at 1st floor level of the Central Energy Plant. The low density concrete will start being poured on the IBS floor above clinic and admin areas after Memorial Day. Roofing work has begun and will continue - providing the weather cooperates. Medical gas piping will be ongoing after 22 May and exterior fireproofing will commence later on this month. A total of 1,030 cubic yards of concrete has been placed this year.



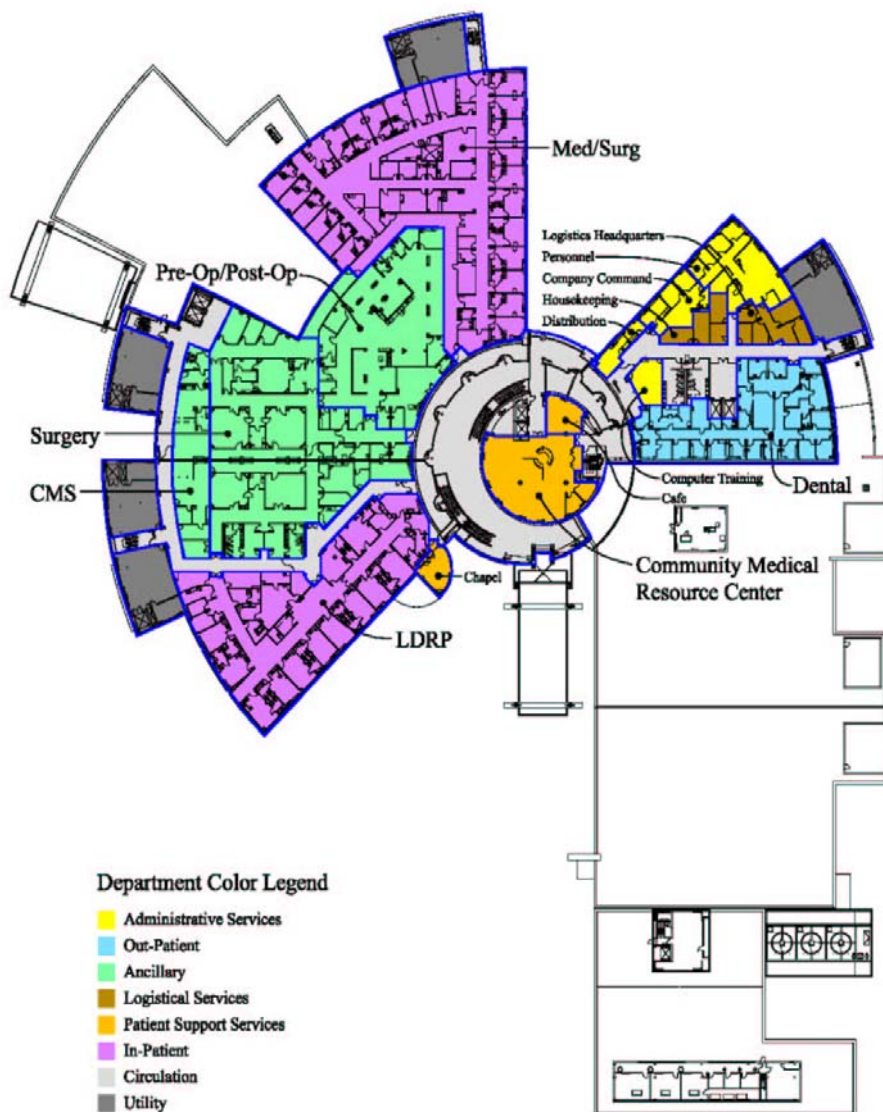
HFPO's Technical Engineer checks the plumbing rough-in before it is enclosed by walls.



Safety First – the worker is tied off while placing a truss on the 3rd floor. This 'grey' steel will be visible from the first floor for architectural interest.

The Second Floor

This is the second of a four part series.



SECOND FLOOR BLOCK PLAN

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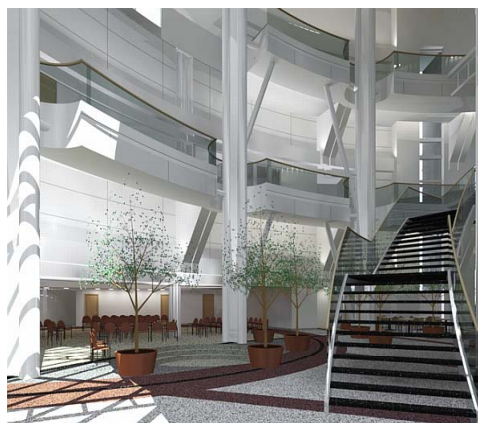
The western half of the second floor contains all of the hospital's inpatient capabilities. These include the 10 LDRP (Labor, Delivery, Recovery and Postpartum) Rooms, the 22 Medical/Surgical patient rooms and the Surgical Suite, shown in green. The Surgical Suite houses two Operating Rooms, a dedicated C-Section Room and an Endoscopy Suite. This area also contains the requisite Pre-op and Post-op Rooms, CMS and Sterilization areas.

Overlooking the main entrance is the Community Medical Resource Center, containing the medical library. Directly behind, or north of, the Resource Center is a café.

The Dental Clinic, Logistics Division Headquarters, the Medical Company Headquarters, and the Personnel Division occupy the second floor's eastern half. There is also a computer training room in the east wing.

Twin elevators provide a direct vertical path between Surgery and the Emergency Room and Radiology areas, located below the Surgical Suite on the first floor. Consolidating all inpatient services on this floor maximizes our limited resources, improves logistical efficiencies and helps reduce wasted time and effort spent traveling between functions.

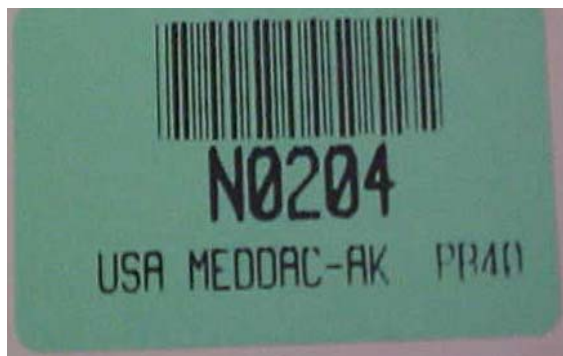
'The Green' - a central circulation and gathering space - will be the heart of the facility. An active community focal point, it will serve as both a place to facilitate activities and as a path to connect destinations within the facility. The Green has been designed to encourage spontaneous



encounters between patients, staff and visitors. This will encourage healthy interactions and promote socialization – an important factor in Alaska due to issues such as geographical isolation, weather and light extremes. The Green was also designed to orient the customer so that they understand where they are with respect to the rest of the facility.

Transition Question of the Month:

What Moves from Old to New BACH?



This issue crosses many different aspects of the overall hospital, but as a general rule Property Book items identified for "Transition" will be marked with a Green MMCN (Materiel Management Control Number) sticker. This planning process started over two years ago with the Equipment Planning Team, so you may have items already marked for transition within your section. Only items in good condition and with sufficient life remaining once moved across to the New BACH are considered candidates to be moved. For you to get items marked for transition, first identify them as being included in your Blue Book equipment list, identify the item(s), then coordinate these items with the HFPO Equipment Planner. The Equipment Planner will work with the MEDDAC Logistics Division to advise you on your next course of action.

Site Visits

With the first summer construction season behind us - there is now enough of the building available to show visitors, and for them to make sense of what they see! As we get further into construction, the HFPO team will be completing walk-throughs in specific areas to familiarize staff and to identify any issues that can be readily addressed. But for the next 18 months or so we will be offering limited site tours for staff wishing to get a closer look at the construction.

Please call Dawn Davids at 353-5826 to arrange a walk-through. For safety reasons we will limit the tour groups to a maximum of 8 persons.

Hail & Farewell

We offer a hearty welcome to our newest HFPO-AK team member: Mr. Doug Schroeder, formerly a LTC and DCA of the Bassett Hospital. Doug will assume the role of transition manager vice Mr. John Bristow. Mr. Schroeder brings a strong skill set to our already solid team and we look forward to working with him.

Unfortunately, we are losing one of the best in our business. John & Kris Bristow and their two little girls depart for Europe this summer where John will assume a key role in the European Medical Facilities arena. He has been a tremendous asset to this project and will be sorely missed. Among his numerous accomplishments, John established the Project Office three-plus years ago and has been an absolutely vital leader and member of the HFPO-AK team since. Good Luck to the Bristow's on their next adventure.



John Bristow

Doug Schroeder



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Partnering is a program established to improve communications among stakeholders of a design and construction project. The partners for the BACH Replacement Project held their Annual Partnering Workshop at the Westmark Hotel on 17 April 2003. The partners include US Army Alaska, Bassett Army Community Hospital, Health Facility Project Office-Alaska, Corps of Engineers, and Dick Pacific/GHEMM General Contractors Joint Venture. The workshop was an opportunity to review the goal statements, communication procedures, and conflict resolution processes that were established a year ago when the construction project was awarded. Some of the goals of the partnership include: Empower staff to make decisions at the lowest level; Set the standard in civilian and Army construction; Meet financial objectives; and Have fun. Being able to come together and work with the project partners on a scheduled basis builds relationships, which help the partners see the project from their partner's perspective. Ideally, these bonds help reduce conflict within the project and make it possible to resolve critical issues if they arise. This project's partnership efforts have produced positive results as construction completion is scheduled for November 2005 - more than eight months earlier than the contract completion date. All partners are working hard so that the New BACH can begin serving the population of interior Alaska by the summer of 2006.

Veterinary Treatment Facility Update



Exterior work on new entrance of the Vet Clinic

The Veterinary Treatment Facility is currently 65% complete.

Construction is on schedule with a 2 July 2003 completion date.

Equipping the new space and the transition of existing items is expected to take approximately three weeks, which means it will open at the end of July.



Dog Kennels are built with visual barriers between each kennel

What would a new VTF be without a mechanical room



Current work on the Reception and Waiting Areas

